

## GOOD TALK BY HUDSON.

Did Not Believe "My Friend Barrs" Was Infallible, Like Senator Harris Said

If the Senate had been willing to be influenced in favor of the franchise tax bill, had any doubt existed after Senator Trammell's powerful speech for the bill, the effort of Senator Hudson would have clinched the situation for the measure.

Not only was he forceful, but he was convincing, or would have been so to minds unprejudiced against the bill.

While it was a serious subject, yet the Senator from Dade did not at all times permit himself to refrain from humor, and one of those times was when he directed his remarks to Senator Harris in relation to the latter's "friend, Barrs."

Senator Harris had grandiloquently expressed his belief in the famous Barrs, saying that whatever Barrs said "was good enough for him."

Senator Hudson was not inclined to ascribe such unbounded belief in the knowledge attributed to the noted Barrs, and said so.

"I ran all over my county with my tongue hanging out trying to get him elected to Congress, but I am not ready to go as far as Senator Harris says that he is toward accepting the opinion of Barrs in all matters without question.

"But he did say that Senate Bill No. 8 was constitutional."



Senator Hudson.

A curious omission was noted in the Senate Journal of Friday. Perhaps in the stress of business it was overlooked, or maybe it was intentional not "to spread" the little item on the journal.

The courtesies of the floor were extended to Peter O. Knight, Friday morning, at whose instance nobody knew. President Harris read the request from a slip of paper handed to him—that was all.

And the Senate did not go on record as having granted this courtesy.

Mr. Knight has been here since the beginning of the second week of the session, had been much in the Senate chamber of late, made a strong speech there before a committee, but had not been honored with "the courtesies of the floor."

Perhaps it was to sustain the dignity of the Senate Friday, when it acted on a bill that Mr. Knight would have defeated, "the courtesy" was extended.

Through its President the dignity of the Senate was sustained, while at the same time the pages of the journal were kept clean.

Judging from recent events a possibility in the Senate might be the following objection to a bill:

"I don't like this bill."

"I am in favor of the tax, but the bill does not satisfy me."

"It is unconstitutional."

"I know it is without asking 'my friend Barrs'."

"A 't' in line 7, Section 11 is not crossed, while in line 4, Section 44, an 'i' is not dotted."

"Were it not for these deficiencies it would be an ideal bill, and I would work for it with all my heart."

"As it stands now, however, it is unjust, unfair and not applicable to this State."

"My conscience would reproach me if I vote for this bill, therefore I consider it my duty to vote NO."

## JOHNSON ELECTED TO NEWLAN VACANCY.

Col. J. B. Johnson of Live Oak has been elected to the unexpired term of Senator Newlan by a small majority over Mr. W. A. Tison of Welborn.

Mr. Johnson will be sworn in and take his seat when the Senate convenes to-morrow afternoon.

## ADV.

## OPPORTUNITIES IN THE CIVIL SERVICE.

Uncle Sam Now Employs Several Hundred Thousand People at Good Salaries.

The growth of the national Civil Service System is well illustrated by a statement recently published, showing that since Theodore Roosevelt became President 72,000 additional government employees have been put in the classified service—that is, their successors must be appointed under the competitive examination system. Practically the only large group of government appointees now outside of the classified service is that made up of the fourth-class postmasters.

During the last three years, for which statistics are available, 108,578 persons have received appointments, and the number of appointments this year seems likely to be greater than that of any previous year.

The rural free-delivery service is spreading rapidly. The number of routes in operation March 1, 1906, were 35,031; there were then 3,424 pending petitions for new routes, of which 294 had been assigned for establishment.

The liberal pay and vacation and sick-leave privileges, together with the easy hours of government service, and the splendid opportunities presented for advancement, have made the Civil Service very attractive; and more and more people are taking the examinations every year.

The remarkable rise in Civil Service of such men as George B. Cortelyou, who, starting as a stenographer, is now Postmaster-General; M. O. Chance, who has advanced from the position of messenger to that of chief clerk of the great Postoffice Department; Richard Peery Covert, formerly a stenographer, now chief of the appointment division of the Postoffice Department; William Loeb, Jr., Secretary to President Roosevelt; Jasper Wilson, Secretary to the Secretary of Agriculture; Frederick L. Allen, Commissioner of Patents; Oscar J. Ricketts, foreman of the Government Printing Office, and many others, has been an inspiration.

The large number of competitors means, of course, that a somewhat higher passing average is now necessary in order to be certain of an appointment. Those who receive appointments are usually those who have spent months in preparing for the examination.

The preparation for a Civil Service Examination is of a special nature, and many of those who have passed and received appointments would not have been able to do so but for the training afforded by the International Correspondence School, of Scranton, Pa. These great Schools have had fifteen years of experience in teaching by mail, and have spent more than one million dollars in preparing home-study text-books. While most thorough, their instruction is so clear that anyone able to read and write can understand it.

## When Children Saved Hamburg.

In one of its numerous sieges some 400 years ago Hamburg was reduced to the last extremity, when it was suggested that all the children should be sent out unprotected into the camp of the besiegers as the mute appeal for mercy of the helpless and the innocent. This was done. The rough soldiery of the investing army saw, with amazement and then with pity, a long procession of little ones, clad in white, come out of the city and march boldly into their camp. The sight melted their hearts. They threw down their arms, and plucking branches of fruit from the neighboring orchards, they gave them to the children to take back to the city as a token of peace. This was a great victory, which has ever since been commemorated yearly at Hamburg by a procession of boys and girls dressed in white and carrying cherry tree branches in their hands.

The camel cannot swim. The moment it loses its footing in a stream it turns on its side and makes no effort to save itself from drowning.

## A Thrifty Landlady.

There is a boarding house keeper in Jersey City who gave a rare exhibition of thrift recently. One of her boarders had committed suicide by gas, and the dead man's executor in settling his estate discovered a bill from the landlady for 50 cents' worth of gas. On making inquiries the executor was informed by the woman that it was her custom to read her gas meter each day, to keep tabs on the amount of gas consumed by the boarders, and that on the day of the suicide the meter showed that 50 cents' worth of gas more than usual had passed through it. This, she charged, the dead man had used in killing himself, and she saw no reason why she should pay for it. The executor paid the bill.—New York Tribune.

The Spanish milk man or maid, as the case may be, has no chance to impose upon the customer. When the milk is delivered, it is literally in bulk. The milkman drives around his flock of goats to each customer's house, ascends how much milk is needed, sits down and draws the requisite amount.

## Corot as He Died.

In a notice of Corot, the greatest of French landscape painters, a writer in Pearson's recalls that during the revolution of 1848 the artist remained in his studio quietly working despite the incessant firing. In fact, he was so absorbed in his painting that he knew nothing of the change of government in 1851 until three months after the fall of the republic. He was past eighty when he died, yet he loved life and used to say he hoped he would live to be a hundred and could paint up to the last day. A short while before he died, as he lay on his bed looking out of the window, he said in a feeble voice: "When the spring comes, I will paint a beautiful picture. I see a sky full of roses." Resting a moment, he was seen to gather his fingers together as if holding a brush; then there was a movement as if he were painting. Thus Corot died.

When a boy is little, he sneers at the little girl because she is afraid of the dark. When he grows up, he's afraid of the girl.—Somerville Journal.

## "Stingeth Like a Matter."

For a prize offered for the best essay on the evils of drink about 12,000 pupils in the elementary schools of Hull competed, and extracts from their compositions were given by Dr. Eccles in a lecture before the Society for the Study of Inebriety. He quoted the following gems, among others:

"Today many people are in jail for committing suicide while under the influence of drink."

"Alcohol is a mocker. At last it biteth like a servant and stingeth like a hatter."

"Alcohol has an effect upon a medical man's conclusions."

"Doctors say that fatal diseases are the worst."

"Doctors say that the increase death rate shortens lives."

"Some people think that the abuse of drink is right. Some take it as a medicine."—St. James' Gazette.

## The Long Polar Night.

Generally speaking we figure Europe as being wholly within the temperate zone, but when we come to investigate matters we find that North cape, the most northerly point of Norway, is in the shadow of the north pole. At that point you can see the "midnight sun" in all its ghastliness, that great luminary being constantly above the horizon from May 6 to Aug. 6, or just one day over three months. But the long wintry night makes up for this 100 days of constant sunshine. It begins on Sept. 22 and constantly increases in length until Nov. 6, when the "polar night" commences in earnest, the sun never appearing above the horizon from the last-mentioned date until Feb. 5, one day less than three months.

The word "shire" comes from the Anglo-Saxon "scyran," to cut off. Consequently English counties which have the affix "shire," such as Derbyshire, Herefordshire, etc., were once parts of larger territories. Kent, Essex, etc., still retain their ancient boundaries.—Pearson's Weekly.

## DIED

At Tallahassee, Fla., May 4, 1907, Mary B. Morgan, wife of Isaac Morgan, in the seventy-third year of her age. The funeral will be from the residence of her son-in-law, R. E. Rose, in Tallahassee on Sunday, May 5, at 4 p. m.

Mr. and Mrs. Morgan came to Florida from Philadelphia in 1888. They resided in Kissimmee City until 1901, since which time they have resided in Tallahassee with their daughter, Mrs. R. E. Rose.

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